




Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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TO: Mayor Jim Gray  
Urban County Council  


FROM: Chief Mark Barnard  
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Ronnie Bastin  
Department of Public Safety

DATE: May 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Thoroughbred Aviation - Bell Helicopter Service Center - Sole Source Vendor

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**Request**

Authorization to accept Thoroughbred Aviation, Bell Helicopter Service, as a sole source vendor. In order for the Lexington Police Department helicopter to operate safely, effectively and at the lowest possible cost, a sole source vendor must be established.

**Why are you requesting?**

Thoroughbred Aviation has recently purchased R. J. Corman (current Sole Source Vendor). Thoroughbred Aviation will be located in Nicholasville, KY and provides the Police Department service in a rapid manner within minutes of being called. The nearest helicopter service center is located in Bristol, TN.

A savings will be recognized by using Thoroughbred Aviation due to being local and avoiding additional cost of flying the helicopter a long distance to be serviced.

The Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council and Mayor Jim Gray in regards to making Thoroughbred Aviation, Bell Helicopter Service Center a sole source vendor for our Department helicopter.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?**

There is no budgetary impact.

**Are the funds budgeted?** N/A

**File Number:** - 0600-16

**Director/Commissioner:** Mark Barnard, Chief  
Lexington Police Department

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